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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>		Application No.	09/645,777
Address to: Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		Filing Date	August 25, 2000
		First Named Inventor	Houis et al.
		Group Art Unit	3679
		Examiner Name	Binda
		Attorney Docket No	206357

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114</b></p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on March 2, 2005 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</li> </ul> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</li> <li>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</li> <li>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)</li> <li>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Form PTO-1449</li> <li>v. <input type="checkbox"/> Copies of References listed in Form PTO-1449 (except for U.S. patents and applications)</li> <li>vi. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Miscellaneous</b></p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of      months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required.)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Other:</p> <p><b>3. Fees</b> The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 in the total amount indicated below. A duplicate copy of this transmittal sheet is enclosed herewith.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 5%;">i.</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee of \$790.00 (large entity) required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)</td> <td style="width: 10%;">\$790.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii.</td> <td><input type="checkbox"/> One-month extension of time fee of \$120.00 (37 CFR 1.138 and 1.17)</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii.</td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Petition for an extension of time (including the period noted above, if checked), as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. 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